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Subject: OPP IO review RE: E&E request for PFAS background/off-the-record interview

Thanks Kimberly. OPA may not pursue the background interview since any new information we have is posted online now (the method and MD test results).

For the reporter's question regarding if the MA and MD containers were the same, is this response approved:

Response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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The containers were not the same as the Mass containers. The MD containers (for Permanone) were stainless steel. I can do tomorrow or Wed, with some exceptions (OPP General, ESA meetings, and 10:25 on Wednesday for a conversation with Region 3).

Can we get questions in advance? I expect technical questions around what changed for the MD samples (since initial results said yes – I think we note that in the report).

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Importance: High

Hi Ed and Kimberly,

Ariel Wittenberg of E&E News would like to have a background interview to better understand the fluorination issue and PFAS and the MD samples. This would be similar to the interview you two had with Pat Rizzuto/Bloomberg last March, with the point of providing an education rather than a particular storyline yet. Would you feel comfortable with this? If yes, would tomorrow or Wednesday be a possibility (I'll also check with Ann).

Also, Ariel would like know if the containers for the MA samples were the same in any way with MD samples – type of HDPE, same manufacturer, same fluorination or other fluorination?

Thank you,

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